

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PORTACCI MICHAEL T (Last) (First) (Middle) 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD (Street) FRANKLIN TN 37067 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Division President
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2012	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price				
Common Stock	12/28/2012		A ⁽¹⁾		334	A	(1)	124,918	D		

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Performance Based Restricted	\$0.00	12/28/2012		A ⁽²⁾		167		02/16/2013 ⁽³⁾	02/15/2022 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	167	(2)	20,167	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$32.37							02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	30,000		30,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$38.3							03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	20,000		20,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$37.21							02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$40.41							07/25/2008	07/24/2017	Common Stock	100,000		100,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$32.28							02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock	20,000		20,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$33.9							02/24/2011	02/23/2020	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$37.96							02/23/2012	02/22/2021	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$21.07							02/16/2013	02/15/2022	Common Stock	8,000		8,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The reporting person received these shares of additional Restricted Stock as a payment-in-kind dividend on shares of Restricted Stock owned on the dividend record date in accordance with the terms of the Restricted Stock Award Agreement (the "Agreement") resulting from the payment on December 28, 2012 of a cash dividend of \$0.25 per share of common stock based on the closing price of the issuer's common stock on such dividend payment date, which was \$29.94. Such additional Restricted Stock issued on account of the dividend will vest in installments identical to the vesting of the underlying Restricted Stock owned by the reporting person to which the dividend was paid subject to the Agreement.

2. The reporting person received these shares of additional Performance Based Restricted Stock as a payment-in-kind dividend on shares of Performance Based Restricted Stock owned on the dividend record date in accordance with the terms of the Performance Based Restricted Stock Award Agreement (the "PB Agreement") resulting from the payment on December 28, 2012 of a cash dividend of \$0.25 per share of common stock based on the closing price of the issuer's common stock on such dividend payment date, which was \$29.94. Such additional Performance Based Restricted Stock issued on account of the dividend will vest, if at all, in installments identical to the vesting of the underlying Performance Based Restricted Stock owned by the reporting person to which the dividend was paid subject to the PB Agreement, as further described in Footnote 3.

3. Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. There are two elements to the lapsing of the restriction; first, the Company must achieve specified targeted amount of earnings per share from continuing operations, or net revenue from continuing operations, and if the performance objective is met, the vesting restrictions will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

Remarks:

Christopher G. Cobb, Attorney 01/02/2013
in Fact for Michael T. Portacci

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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